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## 1000 Farm People To Go To Amherst For Valley Day

One thousand Western Massachusetts farm people are expected to attend Connecticut Valley Day at Massachusetts State College on March 20. Announcement of the program was made by extension service officials at the college. The problems in the growing of tobacco, onions, and potatoes will be featured on the agricultural program, while child development and household management will receive emphasis on the women's program.

This year's Connecticut Valley Day will be the first in two years the program scheduled for last year being cancelled because of the disastrous March flood.

Speakers scheduled will include Ralph W. Donaldson, extension agronomist at M. S. C.; Dr. William G. Colby of the Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station; Dr. B. H. Hartwell, former director of the Rhode Island Agricultural Experiment Station; Sumner R. Parker, state executive officer of the Agricultural Conservation program; C. V. Knightlinger, tobacco disease specialist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Mrs. Ruth D. Morley, child development specialist of the college extension service; Mrs. Vesta Coombs, Franklin county home demonstration agent; Mrs. Harriet J. Haynes, extension household management specialist. Albert E. Fowler, of Westfield, Clifford L. Belden, of Hatfield, William Pierson of Charlemont, and Joseph Trudyn of Hadley will lead a special potato growers forum.

There will be a full schedule of hobbies, games and sports for boys and girls.

## Celebrates Birthday

Last Monday Henry W. Rankin who is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Barrows at their home on Winchester road observed his 86th birthday and was the recipient of a great many greeting cards and letters from friends. Mr. Rankin is enjoying good health and his stay in Northfield which was the scene of his activities with D. L. Moody.

## Hymns We Sing; "Ninety and Nine"

The observance of the Moody Centenary has brought to our minds much of the wealth of story and anecdote that abounds in the evangelistic effort of Moody and his gospel singer Ira D. Sankey. That favorite hymn, "The Ninety and Nine" which all church folks love and which has made a deep impression in the lives of many men and women was first used in a series of meetings in Edinburgh, Scotland. The story reads something like this:

Miss E. C. Clephane, the author of the lines was a contributor to a religious magazine. She had sent in several bits of verse at various times and when some material was not forthcoming for publication, was appealed to by the Editor. In her own mind she had thought of some poetical composition on the "Parable of the Lost Sheep" and then it was that she retired to a corner of the editorial sanctum and produced the hymn, "The Ninety and Nine," as we know it today. It was published in the "Christian Age" in 1874 and a copy fell into Mr. Sankey's hands. He was much impressed with the poetical work and at a meeting conducted by Mr. Moody, when he used as his subject, "The Good Shepherd," Mr. Sankey thinking of an appropriate hymn at its close, set to music the words of Miss Clephane. It was done quickly and as he sat at his little organ the words and music in perfect keeping and harmony rolled forth from Mr. Sankey's lips. The tune he constructed stands today very much as he composed it for that memorable meeting. From that time to the present the hymn, "The Ninety and Nine," is much cherished, loved, and used by congregations and gospel singers everywhere.

It will always remain the great evangelistic appeal of the Moody-Sankey campaigns.

Honesty is the best policy, in word and deed, even if a lot of folks refuse to accept it as a working principle.

A most valuable piece of advice is to "do it now" even if it sounds like an antique portion of language.

## HIS REFUGE



## Well Known Speaker At The Brotherhood

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church will hold its regular meeting and supper next Tuesday evening in the vestry of the church when Prof. Ismar J. Peritz will be the guest speaker and give his lecture on "The Religion of the Spirit."

The lecturer is emeritus professor of Bible and Religion at Syracuse university; graduate of Harvard university; author of Old Testament History; editor of the Journal of Bible and Religion; recognized Biblical scholar on both sides of the Atlantic. He has contributed articles to the outstanding Biblical encyclopedias.

## 3-Cent Army-Navy Stamps Go On Sale

The new three-cent postage stamps of the Army-Navy commemorative series may now be had at the Northfield and East Northfield post offices. They are of the same size as the previous denominations of this series and are printed in purple. The Army stamp has for the central subject matter, portraits in large oval frames of Generals Sherman, Grant, and Sheridan. The central design of the Navy stamps is composed of portraits of Admiral Farragut at the left and Admiral Porter at the right, between which is shown a reproduction of the general type of warship of that period.

## Boston Flower Show

The New England flower show will be held in Mechanics building, Boston for seven days this year, beginning today and open every day from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. A number of Northfield people are planning to attend.

Music during the flower show will be furnished by an organ, a trio of violin, cello and organ, and an orchestra. Of particular interest to the home gardener will be the daily demonstrations given in the basement lecture room each morning and afternoon except Sunday. Garden clubs will exhibit in four classes: Enclosed garden, small garden, corner of terrace, and scale model of a small place.

## In Population We Hold Steady Position

According to the latest reliable estimates the population of Northfield is about 2000 people and this shows only slight increases in the past many years. In a paper read at a meeting of the Historical society some time ago it was stated that our population at one time exceeded our present figures but that was in the days when Guilford and Warwick were also considered to be large and thriving communities. Our population figures do not include the attendance at the Northfield school as these students are accredited to their own home communities. It is interesting to note that the figures of the vital statistics for the town last year as given by the town clerk are about the usual annual average. For the year 1936 they are: births 30, marriages 24, and deaths 26.

Lady: Little boy, it makes me sick at heart to see you smoking.  
Boy: Well, Missis, it seems to catch me more in de stummick.

## C. V. R. R. May Close Station At Farms

A hearing has been called by the state department of public utilities upon a petition filed by Central Vermont Railway, Inc., for approval of closing its stations at Northfield Farms.

The hearing will be held at the department's rooms, 100 Nassau street, room 701 in Boston, Monday, April 12, at 2:15 p. m. All interested will have a chance to speak at that time.

## Our Congressman Proposes Amendment

Our Congressman from this district, the Hon. Allen T. Treadway, is reported as intending to introduce a bill in the House, providing for a constitutional amendment to fix the size of the Supreme Court as of nine members. He said he would offer his proposal in the form of a joint resolution. If passed by Congress, it would have to be ratified by three-fourths of the states within seven years to become part of the constitution.

## Pomona Grange

A large gathering of over a 100 members of Pomona Grange met as guests of the Northfield members at Grange hall, Wednesday evening. After a business session the degree was worked. All enjoyed a splendid supper before the business meeting.

## FORTNIGHTLY

This Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in Alexander hall, the Fortnightly will have as honor guests its past presidents. Mrs. F. H. Briesmaster will be in charge of the musical program and Mrs. Joseph Field is the hostess. Tea will be served.

Next Friday evening, March 19, at 7:30 o'clock, the Study Group will meet with Mrs. Carl Mason. Mrs. Mason will speak on Massachusetts Authors.

Mrs. George Pfefferle entertained the group at the meeting last Friday evening. There was a large attendance and a very fine program was given by Mrs. F. H. Montague, assisted by Mrs. Hyde, Miss Lawley, Miss Merriman and Mrs. Steadler. Mrs. Montague's subject was Massachusetts Historical Shrines, illustrated with stereopticon. Refreshments were served by the hostess and a very enjoyable evening resulted.

## Get Hermon Letters

Axel B. Forslund, director of athletics at Mount Hermon, announced that 58 men have received their varsity "H." Among the 13 receiving their varsity swimming letter were Milton A. Wilde of Mount Hermon and Robert deVeer of Northfield. Rolfe L. Carmean of Northfield and Grove W. Demming of Mount Hermon were awarded a varsity letter in skiing. Glenn W. Giebel of East Northfield, was among the 15 receiving their hockey letter.

Don't "mind your own business" if you want to order others lives. It may take your conscience from yourself.

Temperance is a virtue, but some folks still think that indulgence has no limit.

## Dates Arranged At The Seminary For Commencement

Three months away, but the time will pass swiftly and then another class at the Northfield Seminary will graduate and wend their ways homeward with coveted diplomas and a fund of knowledge to prepare them for future undertakings. Events to take place in the last few weeks, aside from the mental anguish of examinations, begin with the holding of Tree Day and its pageant of "Cinderella" on Saturday, May 15. The Sacred Concert will be given on Sunday, May 16 when the entire student body, the two Seminary choirs, the Hermon choir and the capella choir will render music which has its place in the church and brings back memories of D. L. Moody and his evangelism. A group of six hymns will be sung followed by a selection of antiphons of the great composers. The concert will be broadcast.

On Sunday, May 30, the communion service will be held at Sage chapel with the installation of the new Church Cabinet.

Baccalaureate-Sunday will be June 13 when Principal Mira B. Wilson will deliver the address. Monday the 14th will be the commencement exercises with the address by Rev. Boynton Merrill, D.D. of the Second church in Newton.

Beginning on the 18th until the 21st the Seminary Alumnae will hold their homecoming and centenary celebration when former students will return to hold their annual meeting and "get-together."

## Hermon Homecoming Fixed For June 25-28

Plans are being completed for the homecoming of former Hermon students in June from Friday to Monday inclusive, June 25 to 28. The committee in charge of arrangements is headed by Carroll Ricket '13, and speakers of national reputation in various fields will be invited as guest speakers. It is expected that a pageant will be given and many sports arranged. On the first day, Friday, guests will register and attend a reception at Ford cottage the home of Headmaster Dr. Porter. An address of welcome will be heard and responded to by Frederick Newton, president of the Alumni Association.

On Saturday the annual meeting of the Association will be held with appropriate services marking the D. L. Moody centenary. Class gatherings will be held and photographs taken. In the afternoon the pageant and sports will be held on Chamber's field. In the evening is the banquet in West hall which will be taxed to capacity with the large number of diners. On Sunday, communion will be observed in Memorial chapel with the usual services of the day following. The farewell breakfast will be furnished Monday morning when the good-byes will be said. A record-breaking attendance is expected as indications point to the fact that in this centenary year many will again come back to renew their affiliations with Mount Hermon School.

## Girls Conference To Open Season

After the commencement season at the Seminary and the "Home-comings" the Girls Conference will open the schedule for the summer season of 1937 on June 25 and continues through July 2. Plans are being made for a good-sized delegation from the Seminary of both students and faculty members.

Among the speakers and leaders to be at the Girls conference this year are Mr. James Clelland of Amherst; Dr. Arthur Lee Kinsolving, who is Rector of Trinity church in Boston; Dr. Howard Chandler Robbins of New York; and the Rev. Grant Noble of Williamstown.

The conference deals with religious problems of students and some of the important social problems of the day. The procedure of the conference includes two series of addresses, classes, and discussions. There is also a meeting on Round Top each evening.

Fun and games between these meetings are an item of interest.

To Tom, who had been cutting up, his mother exclaimed wearily: "Why can't you be a good boy?"

"Well, mother, I'll be good for a nickel."

Mother: "For shame, you ought to be like your father, good for nothing."

## Restores Old House Called "Salt Box" On Greenfield Road

Near the historic Newell Pond on the highway to Greenfield, Northfield motorists have become well impressed with the little old red painted house, said by many to be the oldest house in the town of Greenfield built about 1740. Recently improvements have been going on about the property and the house itself is on skids to be moved back some distance and the ground properly landscaped. A large concrete dam is being built to hold back the water of the brook and form a sizeable pond. The purchaser of the property is Henry Graves of the Bernardston road.

The old "McHard place," widely known to historians as a "salt box" house will be the center of the enlargement of Grave's flower raising facilities. The old house will be used as a flower shop, and the adjacent 40 acres will be utilized to raise dahlias and gladioli.

The work on the salt box house will be strictly in keeping with its historical atmosphere, and the original lines of the house will be preserved. Historical research now being made will determine the scope and detail of the work.

Across Mill Brook, north of Newell pond road, a dam is being built, and the waters that 100 years ago were used for power in Strickland's ax factory will be used for irrigating the flower gardens, and in creating a pool for raising pond lilies.

About the salt box house will be planted lilacs and old fashioned flowers. There will be an earth walk over the top of the dam, a spillway of field stones, and a curving driveway skirting the new pond.

Restoration of the salt box house was started two years ago by Theodore F. Waley of New York City who purchased the old Newell homestead across the road. Decay was checked, and a new roof put on. Then he decided to change his summer residence to Maine, and the estate was again put up for sale.

## Pres. Baker Chairman Boy Scout Campaign

President Hugh P. Baker of Massachusetts State College will be the general chairman of the 1937 and 1938 budget and camp financing campaign of Hampshire-Franklin Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America. Announcement of President Baker's acceptance of the campaign leadership was made from the Council office by Harold M. Gore of Amherst, President, and William C. Fitts of Northampton, finance chairman of Hampshire-Franklin Council.

The need of a new Scout camp and the value of camping as an essential part of the Scouting program were emphasized by Dr. Baker in a statement issued following his acceptance of the chairmanship. "Nothing we can do for our youngsters," he said, "will do more toward developing in them the ability to take care of themselves than the provision of adequate year-around camping facilities."

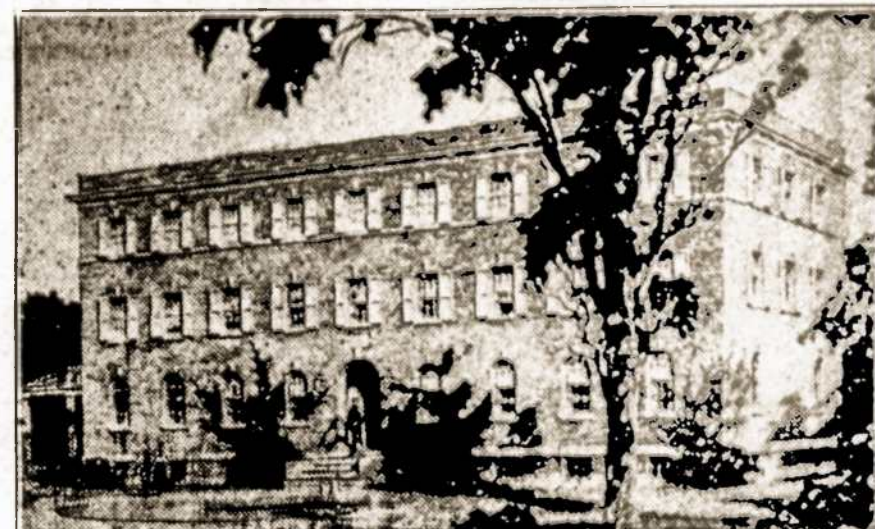
"I am a firm believer in Scouting," he continued, "not only because of its character-building activities but also because it develops adaptability, observational powers and ability to cooperate with others. Such youth training is one of America's greatest present-day needs. I feel that we should all do our utmost to guarantee that Scouting marches on with no interruption. It is my hope that the thousands, who have been supporting this great movement in our two counties, again will respond to our appeal for our boys."

The campaign is now being organized in Easthampton, Amherst, South Hadley and Franklin districts of the Hampshire-Franklin Council. In Northampton there will be no campaign as the Boy Scout organization is a participating member of the Community Chest.

Funds will be raised to finance the next two year's Council activities. This follows the two-year drive successfully put on in 1935 throughout the council area. The special camp campaign is necessary to replace Camp Coolidge at North Dana. Further announcements concerning the new camp, the campaign dates and organization will be made at an early date by council and campaign leaders.

Judge (in dentist's chair): Do you swear you'll pull the tooth, the whole tooth, and nothing but the tooth?

## Brattleboro To Enlarge Its Hospital; Seeks \$50,000 In Subscriptions; Architect's Plans Are Accepted



Brattleboro is to have a \$50,000 addition to its Memorial hospital planned to house administration offices, obstetrical department and private rooms. Plans have been prepared by Harry White, architect of New York City.

Northfield is particularly interested as each year witnesses a large number of patients from this town and as its facilities are availed of by both the Northfield Seminary and Mount Hermon School.

Enlargement of the hospital's facilities has become a necessity if it is to continue to serve the community and the adjoining territory, states Mr. Stockwell, its treasurer. Its increase in business has reached the point where there is an insufficient number of private rooms and beds. Several times during the past year every bed in the hospital has been taken, leaving no reserve for emergency or accident cases. Some patients have been required to wait in order to get in for treatment.

Harold W. Mason is chairman of the building committee which was appointed by the directors some time ago to secure plans and cost estimates of an addition.

Plans were drawn by Harry White, architect, of New York City, who has planned several of the Retreat buildings. The addition is to be a three-story brick structure with basement, completely modern and fireproof.

It would be located parallel with and in front of the present operating pavilion, between that part of the hospital and the wooden administration building which now stands at the front of the hospital group. The addition would extend from the main corridor about 75 feet toward Maple street, and be about 38 feet in width. There would be a narrow court between the new building and the operating room wing. The building would be about 100,000 cubic feet in volume, have a capacity of 27 beds and require about a year to build.

All the present wooden buildings which house the offices, laboratory, obstetrical department, laundry and kitchen would be removed, the addition comprising the new "front" to the institution.

The laundry, kitchen, storage rooms and help's dining room would be located in the basement of the new section.

The first floor would contain administration offices, reception room, doctors' room, X-ray room, laboratory, dining and serving rooms for the nurses and staff, and nurses' room. In addition to the main entrance in the center of the front would be an ambulance doorway on the south side. Hospital supplies and provisions would be taken in at the rear, a driveway around the institution being provided.

The second floor would be given over almost entirely to private rooms for medical and surgical cases, such as are the wings at the rear of the present hospital building. Two semi-private wards of three beds each are also planned.

The obstetrical department, including delivery room, scrub room, maternity ward and nursery would be located on the third floor of the new addition.

All modern hospital equipment and appliances would be installed for the efficient and convenient operation of the institution. An elevator large enough to accommodate a hospital bed would be included, as well as stairways and a dumb waiter. Diet kitchens would be located on all three floors.

Plans are being made to secure the necessary funds immediately by a canvass of all the residents of Brattleboro and friends in nearby towns. A committee of seventy-five canvassers have

been named under the chairmanship of Frank P. Philbrick and each community, including Northfield, will have a special committee. It is expected that the Northfield committee will be named in a few days.

Brattleboro is undertaking a big job; a great venture which will deserve success and success it will have.

## A Noble Effort Of The W. C. T. U.

The women of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union throughout the nation have decided to inaugurate a campaign to raise a fund of one million dollars to carry on its work along education lines to combat the liquor traffic. It is a commendable effort and they deserve success.

Too long has sentiment and decision shifted on the liquor problem by the public and John Barleycorn with each defeat has simply smiled and waited for his comeback. If quick reform seems to be impossible in the lives of men and women who champion the liberty to drink intoxicating beverages, then the next avenue open for consideration is the proper education of the young in the matter. And this the W. C. T. U. now proposes to do. To this end every local unit has been appealed to throughout the nation to do its part and the Northfield organization has responded with local members now making a solicitation.

Just how the campaign is proceeding here will probably be reported later. The "Brewers' Journal" says that \$25,000,000 will be spent for advertising to promote the consumption of drinking beer. How much will you contribute, my prohibition or temperance friend to counteract this influence by contributing to an educational fund of \$1,000,000 for the uses and purposes of the W. C. T. U.?

## Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick, patron saint of the Irish, is the cause of many a myth and many a legend. His exact birth date is shrouded in the mysteries of the past, and many of the events of his life lack confirmation. But on one thing all good Irish agree: Saint Patrick drove the snakes from Ireland. He also caused the adoption of the shamrock as the national emblem.

The life of Saint Patrick is described in a new leaflet issued by the Massachusetts State College extension service as part of its series of leaflets on recreation. The theme of the leaflet is St. Patrick's day party suggestions, and many ideas are offered for home and community celebrations of the good St. Patrick. Suggestions for preparing the invitations, for making decorations, for refreshments, for songs and games and toasts, all in keeping with the spirit of the day, are given. Also listed are Irish poems, St. Patrick legends, and several talks.

Copies of this leaflet are available free to residents of Massachusetts and may be obtained by writing to the Mailing Room, Massachusetts State College, Amherst.

## Radio Lenten Service

Several Northfield people have listened over the radio with pleasure and profit to the noon Lenten lectures coming from St. Paul's Episcopal church at Providence. During the past few days the talks have been given by the Rev. Dr. Boynton Merrill of Newton, well known here as a member of the Trustees of the Northfield Schools. Dr. Merrill was also a graduate of Mt. Hermon school.



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## LOCALS

The selectmen have posted very conspicuous notices limiting all loads over the bridges across the Connecticut river to ten tons.

John Zabko of Northfield Farms was in District court on Tuesday morning on charges of drunkenness and operating under the influence. He was released on his own recognizance for appearance next Monday.

John Fields of the Farms fractured his arm while playing baseball last Monday. He started the baseball season rather early.

From Boston comes word that the pollution of the waters of the Connecticut river must stop. Cities and towns emptying sewage into the river may become liable and subject to suit and damages. It is quite likely that a detailed investigation will be made of the sanitary conditions.

At the meeting of the Springfield-Northfield Alumnae club held in Springfield Monday evening, Mrs. Helen Collins of West Springfield was chosen vice-president and Miss Susie Sanderson of Southwick secretary. The president, Miss Laura Fuller of Tolland and Miss Marion Benedict of East Longmeadow, as treasurer, were elected for a two-year period last season.

The Northfield Young People's Social club will meet Monday evening from 7:30 to 10:00 o'clock at Alexander hall. Mrs. William Shattuck will be the hostess.

This week in Superior court at Greenfield, after indictments by the Grand Jury, George H. Thayer and James Cormie pleaded guilty to larceny and not guilty to entering the garage of Paul Jordan on last Nov. 1.

Owing to the contemplated trip to the International Flower Show in New York the week of the 15th, the regular meeting of the Garden club will be postponed to Monday, March 22. Full details will be given in the issue of the Press next week.

A daughter, Elizabeth Morgan, was born to Rev. and Mrs. W. L. McKinstry of Wilton Center, N. H., on Friday, March 5, at the Memorial hospital in Nashua. She is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Morgan of Main street.

A group of girls from the Seminary will present a program of songs at the 8:00 p. m. service on Sunday at St. Stephen's A. M. E. church in Greenfield.

In Probate court on March 2, administration was granted to Grove W. Deming of Mount Hermon on the estate of his wife the late Marilla M. Deming.

The Orange Savings Bank has transferred to the American Youth Hostels, Inc., an eleemosynary corporation of Northfield, land with buildings thereon on Main street extending to East street according to a record filed at the Registry recently. The property was purchased for headquarters use last July.

## LOCALS

The spring vacation at Mount Hermon will begin on Saturday, March 20 and ends Thursday, April 1.

The spring recess at the Northfield Seminary will be from Friday, March 19 to Thursday, April 1.

Classified advertising pays. The ad for an apartment for rent secured a tenant after its first insertion. The ad of a stove for sale brought a buyer after its first insertion. Use the Press classified column for results. First insertion is twenty-five cents, half price thereafter.

Troop I of Girl Scouts at their meeting last Tuesday in Alexander hall spent much time on preparation for their second class test and rehearsal on their part in the coming Scout Rally in the town hall.

Philip W. Foster of Greenfield has been appointed ambassador for the Potentate of the Shriners for all members of the order residing in Greenfield, Bernardston and Northfield.

A new book, "The Heart of Old New England," is being bitterly criticised because of inaccuracies in its descriptions of various places including Greenfield and Northfield. The County Professional and Business Women's club of Greenfield have recently filed a protest with the publishers who express regret and state that there will be a revision before its next printing.

Property on Rustic Ridge of the late Mrs. J. A. Johnson of Brooklyn described as lot 81, Tract No. 2 has been transferred to Miss Ruth I. Johnson, a daughter.

According to the Registry at Greenfield, Edward C. Gerrish of West Northfield has sold to Harrison G. Stacy, one quarter acre of land near his home and the B. & M. railroad.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eben James at the Franklin county hospital, Saturday, February 6. The child is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Martin James of Northfield and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Solasz of Winchester.

Northfield folks will again be glad to know that Brattleboro in company with other large communities hereabouts will be on daylight saving time this summer.

Rev. Harvey M. Eastman '06, of Slatersville, R. I., will speak at the Vesper service at Mount Hermon Memorial chapel next Sunday afternoon at five o'clock.

A. Gordon Moody and Marston Burnett spent last week-end in the Pinkham Notch territory enjoying a few days of skiing. Mr. Burnett has finished his work as instructor in winter sports at the Seminary Mt. Hermon, and the Hotel and is leaving for a brief vacation period in Canada.

The scholarship honor roll at the Northfield Seminary for the first term is as follows: Virginia Baker, Margaret Colvin, Jean



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## Gladys Swarthout to Sing Lead In Metropolitan Opera's "Mignon"

By GLADYS SWARTHOUT

For years it seemed to me that the destiny that shapes the fate of opera singers had forgotten to get me out of boys' parts. I seldom had a chance to wear the ruffles, rustling skirts and all the stiffer finery that every woman adores. It was boots, boots, boots, doublet and hose, cloak and sword, almost every time I emerged from the Metropolitan wings. If there was an opera with a boy's part, the directors apparently said to themselves, "Well, there's Gladys Swarthout—she cuts a fine figure as a lad." So I courted as page, wore Nicklaus's satin breeches and the royal habitments of the Tzarévitch. Not to mention the tights of Frederick in "Mignon."

But now I am through with Frederick. Next Saturday afternoon I shall be Mignon herself for the first time in my Metropolitan career, in the presentation to be broadcast by the National Broadcasting Company and the Radio Corporation of America. And even if Mignon is quite a tomboy, there is still plenty of compensation in portraying her struggles to be recognized as a woman, with a woman's right to love.

At the opening of the opera the good burghers of a small German town are gathered at the tavern enjoying their pipes and beer, and wondering who Lothario, an aged minstrel of blurred memory whose life is spent in search of his abducted daughter, really is. Their attention quickly shifts to the arrival of a band of gypsies, Mignon among them.

After he has calmed the gypsy with a pistol, Mignon shyly divides her bouquet of wildflowers between him and Lothario.

Now, Philine, an actress, misses nothing of all this. Wilhelm is immediately taken in by her coquetry and eagerly accepts an invitation to follow her to a nearby castle where her troupe is to play. "My flowers!"



GLADYS SWARTHOUT

seems the indignant Mignon, noting Philine's bouquet.

Wilhelm has bought Mignon's freedom and, dressed as a page, she accompanies him to the castle. There he bids her warm herself by the fireplace. "I'm not cold," she says coquely, "I'm hungry near you." Philine, not so billed as Wilhelm, forestalls Mignon by diverting his attention to herself. Soon he is making ardent love to her. Mignon tries to ignore the scene, but she is miserably jealous. "I love her!" she hisses under her breath.

After the pair leave, Mignon tries on one of Philine's beautiful dresses

and Wilhelm, returning, is amazed at the transformation from boy to woman. He tells her that it is best for her reputation that they part. To make things worse, Philine comes in and humiliates her. Poor Mignon tears the lace off the dress and the actress cattily remarks that one might say the girl was jealous.

Again in gypsy costume, Mignon rushes out into the night, intending to drown herself. There she encounters Lothario, on his way to Italy, and she runs to him for sympathy. The sound of Philine's triumphant song rings through the night and Mignon bitterly calls down vengeance upon the castle and its occupants. The idea begins working in Lothario's mind and he sets fire to the castle.

Philine comes into the park with her admirers and orders Mignon to run back for a bouquet she has mislaid. Desperate and forlorn, Mignon hurries away. Then everyone discovers the fire and Wilhelm dashes into the flaming structure and, against her will, rescues Mignon, still clutching the handful of withered flowers.

In the last act we meet Wilhelm, Mignon and Lothario at the Castle Cyprinet in Italy. Mignon is finally recovering from the shock and Wilhelm has finally come to his senses. He declares his love and the willing Mignon is soon convinced of his sincerity. Lothario, his memory jogged by familiar surroundings, discovers that it is really he, the Marquis Cyprinet, who owns the castle and that Mignon is his long-lost daughter. The curtain falls on this "happy ever after" scene.

Wilfred Palletier will be our conductor in Saturday's Mignon and the roles of Wilhelm and Lothario will be sung by Charles Hackett and Rolo Pina.



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**PERSONALS**

Miss Rena Tyler who is with Houghton and Simonds in Brattleboro was taken to the Franklin County hospital for an appendix operation last week Tuesday. She is making a rapid recovery.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Milford Andrews of Warwick avenue last Friday, Feb. 5.

A. A. Dunklee was elected for the fortieth time as treasurer of the town of Vernon at the election last week.

Lester A. Polhemus is now a Rotarian and has united with the group at Greenfield which meets every Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Ray are enjoying a few weeks in Florida before coming to Northfield to re-open their summer home in Mountain Park.

Postmaster Lawrence Quinlan spent last week-end with friends in Keene, N. H., who entertained with a house party.

Mrs. Prescott Whitney returned to her home on the Plains road last Friday after recovering from her recent serious illness at the Franklin County hospital.

Monroe and Isabell Smith, directors of the Youth Hostels in America were speakers upon the subject of their organization before the Mother's club at Wollaston, Monday afternoon.

Miss Helen Wozniak and Miss Grace Randall who are students at the State Normal school at Framingham are spending their spring vacation at the homes of their parents in West Northfield.

The Woman's Missionary society of Mount Hermon will meet at the home of Mrs. Stephen Stark next Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Much ice and snow yet remains on the hillsides and walking through the woods is by no means a real pleasure. Plenty of warmth and sun is yet needed to do the melting and dry up the usual paths.

Mrs. Clifford Bolton is reported as much improved after her recent illness with the gripe.

Miss Caroline B. Lane of Highland avenue is on her way home from Florida and expects to reach Northfield very soon.

Clifford Field is improving after his recent illness and it is good to see him about again.

**CHURCH SERVICES**

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Sunday school will meet for Bible Study at 10 o'clock. At 11 preaching service. The choir will sing "I Will Be Glad and Rejoice" and "Consider, and Hear Me." The sermon subject, "Man's Treatment of Christ." Sunday school at No. 3 at 2:30. At 3:00 the Junior Endeavor will meet at the vestry. At 7:00 the Senior Endeavor will be led by Dorothy Marcy. At 8:00 the regular service at the vestry.

Tuesday at 6:30 the monthly meeting of the Brotherhood. At 2:30 the Mrs. L. R. Smith Bible class will meet with Mrs. Lazelle with Mrs. Giebel, leader.

Thursday the all-day meeting of the Ladies' Sewing society, with lunch at noon. At 7:30 the weekly prayer service followed by choir rehearsal.

Friday the Evening Auxiliary at 7:30 at Crane cottage. Subject, "The Negro's Contribution." The leaders, Misses Maud Hamilton and Carrie Jeannet Cook.

Sunday evening speaker, March 21, Mrs. Mary D. White of New York.

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Leslie Scherlin, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Scherlin, who was the hero in the rescue of a cousin from drowning recently, was unfortunate to break a leg in a fall from a wood pile at the Pond school Tuesday. He is confined to his home with his leg in a plaster-cast.

Lawrence B. Underwood was chopping in the woods last Friday with others. A gust of wind blew down a tree and as it fell it knocked Mr. Underwood to the ground breaking one rib and injuring his spine. He was taken to his home on the Newton road and Dr. Dean summoned. He is resting comfortably.

**Civil Service Exams**

The United States Civil Service announces several competitive examinations which might be of interest to some in Northfield and vicinity. These are the positions: Junior graduate nurse, \$1620; graduate nurse, \$1800; public health nurse, \$2000; junior forester and junior range examiner, \$2000; mechanical engineer, Navy, \$2600 to \$3800.

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### EDITORIAL

Democracy, in its full meaning covers the rights of the multitudes. We Americans are always looking for more democracy—in politics, and in social affairs.

The memorial industry believes that it will not only promote its own interests but perform a real public service if it can persuade the American people to consider their memorials before death visits the family, and at a time when they can give calm thought to this important subject. Many of the mistakes in private memorials are said to be due to the fact that the purchaser is under stress of emotion which dulls his sense of fitness and his artistic appreciation.

Ten Senators of the United States are reported to have received one thousand dollars each for the cigarette testimonials that are appearing in advertising pages of leading publications—which indicates that boloney is cheap and that a thousand dollars is a lot of money for these men who enjoy their favored places in life by consent of the different states.

News items report proposals for laws in Maryland and Oregon to levy a tax of \$5 per annum on each radio set in the respective states. The radio tax proposal is a bold step. If it were countenanced, the field would be wide open to extend class taxation to pianos, refrigerators, bath tubs or anything the tax-gatherers thought would produce taxes with the least squawk. It is unthinkable that such a thing as a radio tax would be suggested—but it brings the class taxation evil into the limelight. Should the menace be extended?

The inevitable revolt of public opinion against the "sit-down" strike is beginning to manifest itself all over the country. The result, it is hoped, will be to make this type of wholly unlawful, unjustifiable seizure of private property so unpopular that the sit-down strike will immediately act as a boomerang against that irresponsible element which employs it.

### The Back Yard Gardener

I guess I'll keep quiet from now on as to what I'm going to do. Last week when I said I was going to the Cape to see the flowers blooming I ran into their worst snowstorm of the winter. While I didn't see any flowers—I did get a piece of the best chicken pie I ever tasted.

But this is a back yard garden column and not an eating column, so I'd better get on to my subject which is small fruits. Not long ago I spoke about the difficulties of the back yard fruit grower, but I had in mind apples rather than fruits like grapes, raspberries, and strawberries.

The thing in producing small fruits, is to get ahead of some rather simple instruction book, and then follow directions. As a matter of fact, that's what I've done, and I'm passing along to you a few suggestions.

Right now—March and April—is a mighty important time for these. March is probably the best month for pruning grapes here. And the thing that puzzled me—in fact, almost frightened me—was the severe pruning that is recommended in order to produce good quality grapes and plenty of them.

About all that is left to a grape vine when you get through pruning is a single stem and two or four branches so that it looks like a T or a double T, although there are a few that are pruned in the shape of an umbrella. But I have not the space here to tell you how to handle all of these systems.

Another thing that surprised me were the varieties recommended. I'd always thought that Concord was about the best, but I find that there are a number of others. For example, Delaware, Brighton, and Worden, are all decidedly better than the Concord.

Then now is a mighty important time for strawberries whether you are planting a new bed or whether you are taking care of the old one. Just as soon in the spring as you can possibly work the land is when you should set

strawberry plants, and that should be from the middle of April to the first of May. Getting strawberries started early gives them a chance to establish root systems before there is any chance of dry weather holding things up. If you have an irrigation system, O. K., strawberries can be started most any time, but I'm one of those not fortunate enough to have water on tap in the garden.

If your old bed has been mulched, you ought to be checking frequently to see that the bed is uncovered as soon as it starts to grow. When the leaves begin to turn yellow and fade out, it's an indication that the plants have started. Then it's time that they were uncovered. But it's also a good thing to keep in mind that they will need some protection if the temperature should suddenly drop.

In selecting varieties the little leaflet which I was reading says that there is no one best strawberry variety, but that Howard 17 comes the nearest to fulfilling the average conditions for the state. Dorsett and Fairfax are probably the next most desirable varieties for the home garden. And about the only one recommended among the everbearers is the Mastodon, although Lucky Strike and Super-Giant have possibilities.

If you are really interested in doing something along the line of growing small fruits in your back yard, I'd be glad to send you copies of the publications I have. If you are interested in grape growing, send a letter to me in care of this paper and ask for leaflet No. 64. If you are interested in strawberries, ask for leaflet No. 29, and if it's raspberries you are looking for, ask for No. 48. I can get a supply of these free of charge from the Massachusetts State College, so just drop me a line, and you'll get your copy in short order.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. James Lee Ellenwood was the speaker at assembly last Friday morning, touching on the key-note of the "Find-Yourself" week-end. Mr. Ellenwood asserted that success is not to be had for the asking, but rather by hard enduring work. "Write yourself," he said, "a definition of the person you could be then be it. When people are content to be cogs in a machine set-up there is no chance for advancement. Find-Yourself," he reiterated, "if you would take your rightful place in society." After supper Mr. Ellenwood conducted a forum on questions pertaining to vocational guidance.

Dean Weigle delivered the morning and Vesper sermons last Sunday at Memorial chapel. In the morning, Dean Weigle discussed faith and its present day applications as compared with its application in the time of Christ. He stated that the lack of faith is a direct cause of the moral and spiritual decline which the world is now experiencing. At Vespers he discussed Jesus' supreme sacrifice and what it should mean to us.

Mr. Coleman Jennings, Washington business man who recently resigned from a high position with the National City Bank, will speak on vocations this week-end at Mt. Hermon. He is the first of several prominent business men on the school program for a continuation of the Find-Yourself conference started last week.

Howard Leslie, young well-known violinist, was the guest soloist at assembly last Wednesday. Mr. Leslie's graceful interpretations of Spanish and American music brought volumes of appreciative applause from the audience. As an encore Mr. Leslie played the "Son of India." He was accompanied by Mr. L. Hornmedieu on the piano.

Last Monday night simultaneous debates were held at Deerfield and Mt. Hermon on the question, Resolved, "That This House Approves of President Roosevelt's Supreme Court Proposal." Speaking for the affirmative at Hermon were Carpenter, Higginbottom, Graves, and Chalmers. After the debate, Mr. Morse head of the History department, lectured on the values of debating and group discussion. No decision was given at either debate.

Last Saturday, the fencing squad met Loomis and the latter suffered defeat by the score 15-2. It was the first meet for the newly organized sport. Howard Fader, captain of the squad, won his match in foil.

Wednesday afternoon, the Commuter's club, supervised by Mr. Henricksen, held an outing. Early in the afternoon the group traveled to Greenfield where they saw a motion picture. Later, the group returned to the school cabin where they cooked their own food and told ghost stories until 8 o'clock when, reluctantly, the boys broke up and started for their homes.

The play, "Captain Applejack" will be presented by the senior class at Mt. Hermon this Saturday evening. Judging from the recent preview edited by Producer Donovan and a peek be-

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me,

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Beckons where the strange

lands loom;

Just behind the hanging curtain,

Serving in another room.

Shall I doubt my Father's mercy?

Shall I think of death as doom,

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